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FOLLOWING REPEAT OSLO 4856 SENT SECSTATE INFO BRUSSELS
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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORWAY WILL DEFINITELY SEEK IEP AFFILIATION -- NOT
MEMBERSHIP

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1. ON OCTOBER 28 I SAW PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI TO URGE
NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ECG. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND
ALSO TELEPHONED ME SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY TO DISCUSS
THIS ISSUE AND TO ARRANGE FOR AMBASSADOR BOYESEN TO MEET
ME AT MY HOME. ON NO OCCASION DID I RECEIVE ANY ENCOURAGE-
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MENT THAT NORWAY WILL JOIN IEP AS FULL MEMBER. THE

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NORWEGIAN HOPE IS TO WORK OUT SOME FORM OF AGREEMENT OF AFFILIATION. FRYDENLUND SAID HE WOULD PREPARE A LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER RIGHT AWAY EXPLAINING NORWAY'S POSITION WHICH I HAD WAITED FOR TO TRANSMIT WITH THIS CABLE. FRYDENLUND HAS NOW ASKED TO SEE ME TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 1.

2. BRATTELI, WHO HOURS BEFORE HAD RETURNED FROM AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE, SAW ME IN HIS HOME THAT EVENING FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH APPARENTLY CONCURRED IN THE PLAN TO SEEK SPECIAL IEP ASSOCIATION. BRATTELI AND FRYDENLUND BY PHONE REPEATED ARGUMENTS REPORTED IN OSLO 4799 AGAINST SEEKING FULL NORWEGIAN IEP MEMBERSHIP. BOTH WERE AT PAINS TO STRESS THAT THIS APPROACH FOR SPECIAL IEP CONSIDERATION SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A TREND TOWARDS NEUTRALITY. (IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT NORWAY WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT RESERVES TO IN-CREASE ITS COMMITMENT NOW OR IN A FEW YEARS WHEN PRO-DUCTION IS MORE FULLY UNDERWAY.) HE HOPED AFFILITATION AGREEMENT COULD BE KEPT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. BOYESEN, IN ADDITION, COMMENTED THAT PALME HAD TOLD FRYDENLUND AT A MEETING IN COPENHAGEN AIRPORT ON RETURN FROM PORTUGAL, THAT SWEDEN MORE THAN LIKELY WOULD JOIN THE IEP.

4. CABINET MET ON OCTOBER 29 TO REVIEW IEP ISSUE. FRYDENLUND IS BRIEFING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 31 ON NORWAY'S POSITION. AFTER BRIEFING, FRYDENLUND WILL SEND LETTER TO ECG CONTAINING NORWAY'S POSITION ON ECG MEMBERSHIP. ON NOVEMBER 1, IN HIS ANNUAL FOREIGN RELATIONS ADDRESS TO THE STORTING, FRYDENLUND WILL OUTLINE NORWAY'S ECG POSITION.

5. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT AFTER FRYDENLUND HAS DE-LIVERED HIS FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT AND I HAVE SEEN HIM ITS VIEWS ON POSSIBLE TERMS AND TIMING OF SPECIAL IEP ARRANTEMENTS FOR NORWAY AND ON QUESTION OF MEETING OF U.S., U.K., FRANCE AND NORWAY CON-TEMPLATED BY DAVIGNON (LONDON 14134) TO DISCUSS THESE ARRANGEMENTS. BYRNE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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